

EXHIBIT 18

Re: Hearing on prisons in Nevada April 14th, 2009

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To Governor Jim Gibbons and All other Officials,
Regarding the subject- Hearing on prisons in Nevada April 14th, 2009

Being born Native American like Geronimo, "I was warmed by the sun, rocked by the winds and sheltered by the Joshua tree." Our Joshua tree was barely a foot tall when we arrived here. Now it stands nearly eight feet tall and the only tree the winds will not sway. This land is ours. My family and I have endured many hardships through-out the years and struggles to keep it. One being no electricity for a number of years. It's not a reservation, but land I chose for its beauty and tranquility.

Doing what's best for the entire community is one thing. Disruption of the land, animals, and the people living nearby is another. This detention center will destroy our view of the vast open desert and the freedom we once knew. The double electric fences with prickly plants in between (even cloaked) cannot erase the extreme feelings of despair within the walls. The walks we took in the high desert will never be the same. It will eliminate our view of the night sky and the shooting stars that we once wished on. It will destroy the background of the wild life that abounds here. Whether it be, the wild mustang, the desert tortoise, black-tail jack rabbits, quails, doves, ground squirrels, cotton tails, road runners, birds of prey, including owls burrowing or not and the majestic golden eagle. The ground moving equipment will destroy the desert tortoise's natural reservoir's when they return during drought.

Quote taken from the website below.....
http://www.desertusa.com/june96/du_tort.html

"To maximize the utilization of infrequent rainfall, tortoises dig catchment basins in the soil, remember where these are, and may be found waiting by them when rain appears imminent."

What happens when the catchment basins aren't there and the desert tortoise's bladder is empty, due to trauma from the Monsterous Earth Moving Machines? Fact is....Humans aren't even allowed to touch a desert tortoise, because it might empty its bladder and die.

True, we may not have control over degenerate people living in this town, but those people are not forced right upon us. Our neighbors have been here awhile and we know one another. Most have more than one acre and we would definitely know a new face. We reside within a Half Mile of the proposed detention center. No doubt these criminal institutions are needed, but why did they eliminate the 9.5 mile buffer zone? There's plenty of wide open spaces where it could have gone and with no desert tortoise's and other animal population. People would still have opportunities for employment, but may have to drive a 'bit' further.

Please look at the whole picture. This will definitely change the environment here and in the future. For those of us who were here first have no choice..... but to either accept it or take a loss and move. Would anyone really want to live this close to feelings of despair and a hostile environment? The Huge Vampire Water Sucking Penal Institution will deflate our water wells. There again, is another story. Will our water wells be capped and will we be forced to go on public sewer? Do you see the full picture? If they can push this on us.... What's next? Myself and many others have done our research, beyond the sugar-coated story we've been told. You have to research All the detention centers Not just a select a few. You have to research what effects a huge detention center will have in a Particular area. What's good for Arizona and Washington State may not be Right for us.

My family and my home are my life. Eliminating the 9.5 mile buffer zone is a great concern for me. Would any of you do any less for your family, neighbors and the wild life loved so much to insure their well being? This once was our paradise where wild horses roamed unimpeded and free. Now just a family of horses are left and the rest have been herded up. We've been against the Detention Center being built amongst the population, for a long time. Including the Section 8 homes accompanying it. We were not notified personally when we could have sold out when the economy was good. But they say, "It's good for Pahrump." Who's the

inmates here? The criminals behind the bars who have at least hopes for release? What about the desert tortoise and other animal species who could succumb to this disaster resulting in an automatic death penalty? Or even us, the law-abiding taxpayer citizen with no way out!

We have a disabled adult daughter and fear for her safety should CCA force this prison upon us. We are senior citizens and make a 'plea' that this Detention Center will Not Be constructed in our backyard. Most of our Town Officials do not care what we want and speak with a fork tongue.

Qwatsinas (Hereditary Chief Edward Moody), Nuxalk Nation

"We must protect the forests for our children, grandchildren and children yet to be born. We must protect the forests for those who can't speak for themselves such as the birds, animals, fish and trees."

Respectfully Yours,

James, Louella & Carrie Davis